

KAOHSIUNG AMERICAN SCHOOL

PREPARING BALANCED INDIVIDUALS, INDEPENDENT LEARNERS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENS

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Dear Parents,

We remind KAS families with high school students to check the "Important Dates and Events" page of the "College Counseling" section, under "Students," on our KAS website. As you'll see this page offers students and parents a good heads-up as to what's coming with respect to the school visits from college admissions representatives. All KAS parents are always welcome to join the college info sessions. It is never too early to start looking at colleges and universities throughout the world.

This year we are welcoming many more university admissions representatives to KAS. Next Thursday, UCLA will be visiting our campus. As you know, UCLA is one of the top universities in the world. They will be presenting in the Lecture Hall at 4:30. The time will be confirmed next week due to a very busy schedule on her part but 4:30 is the tentative time.

As well, we are fortunate to have the Linden Tour come to us on Oct 12. This tour consists of 25-30 US Universities and they will be here in the Media Centre at 1:30 pm. Parents are more than welcome at both events.

NWEA testing will take place September 21- October 2 for students grades 1-9. Grades 6-9 will take the tests on September 22 and 23. Grades 1-5 teachers will schedule testing for their classes individually within the target dates. Please ensure your child(ren) get enough rest so they can do their best work!

There will be a parent information meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 3:15 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The topic will be the Middle Years Program (MYP) of the International Baccalaureate. MYP is a five year curriculum framework spanning grades 6-10 in preparation for the next phase of studies. KAS is now in the third year of the implementation process. Grades 6-8 are using the framework across all subject matters; some grade nine units will be introduced this year with grade ten coming on board during the next school year.

Elementary parents, you may, at times, need to come to school to deliver something to your child or talk to your child's teacher. We ask that you please enter the school by the main door and inquire at the reception desk to see if it is a convenient time for the teacher. We're sure you can appreciate that young children are easily distracted when someone comes to the classroom door unannounced or looks in the window. They then lose focus on their studies and it can take several minutes for the teacher to get them back on track. This is lost learning time for the children. We need your help us serve your children best by minimizing interruptions during the school day.

There are some questions about whether or not Dr. Farrell will be here next year. The answer is that Dr. Farrell will be still at KAS next year as your Superintendent of Schools.

Don't forget that there is no school on September 28 due to celebrate Moon Festival.

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親愛的家長您好:

提醒家裡有高中部學生的 KAS 家庭要記得去學校網站裡選擇"Student(學生) -> "College Counseling(大學輔導)" -> "Important Dates and Events(重要的日期和事件)"，您和學生可以事先在此頁面，了解有哪些的國外大學代表將會來學校拜訪，非常歡迎所有 KAS 家長一起來參加大學說明課程。從現在開始了解世界各地的大學永遠不嫌晚。今年我們邀請了比以往更多的大學代表。下禮拜四，UCLA 會到我們的校園拜訪，誠如您所知，UCLA 是世界頂尖的大學之一，他們會在當天下午四點半在 3 樓 Lecture Hall 進行說明會。由於講者的行程非常忙碌，目前時間先暫訂為 4 點半，下禮拜我們會再次確認。

同樣地，我們很幸運邀請到 Linden 大學代表團在 10 月 12 日到學校。此大學代表團由 25~30 個美國大學組成，他們會在下午一點半在 Media Center 進行說明會。以上兩項活動都非常歡迎家長蒞臨參加。

1 至 9 年級的 NWEA 考試會在 9 月 21 日到 10 月 2 日進行，6 至 9 年級則是在 9 月 22 和 23 日。1 至 5 年級老師會分別安排在上述日期內分別進行測試。請確保您的子女都有得到充分的休息，學生們才能拿出他們最好的表現！

9 月 24 日星期四 3 點 15 分在 Lecture Hall 會有關於 MYP 的家長說明會，MYP 是一個針對 6 至 10 年級的五年架構的課程，目的是要讓學生對下一階段的學習有更好的準備。KAS 現在是執行過程中的第三年。6 至 8 年級的各個科目都有使用 MYP，有些 9 年級的課程單元會介紹，以及接下來 10 年級要上的課程也會在會中介紹。

小學部的家長您們有時需要到學校來送東西給孩子或是跟老師面談。請您從學校正門進來後到接待處洽詢老師的時間是否方便跟您面談。我們很確定您一定了解如果有人逕自闖入教室或是在窗外看進教室等，年幼的孩子很容易被干擾。一旦孩子失去注意力，老師便又要重新花時間將孩子的注意力喚回。這會造成孩子的學習的損失，因此我們需要您幫忙把孩子上學的東西準備好，以減少打斷課堂時間的機會。

有人問到是否 Dr.Farrell 明年會續任學校總校長的職位，答案是 Dr. Farrell 明年仍會是 KAS 的總校長。

別忘了 9 月 28 日是中秋連假不用上課!

祝順心

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